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1. SUMMARY - LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS JUNE 11 PREDICTED PRESIDENT NIXON'S "UNPRECEDENTED" MIDEAST TRIP WOULD HELP IMPROVE U.S.-MIDEAST RELATIONS AND HARMONIZE U.S.-USSR COORDINATION ON MIDEAST ISSUES. NEW LIFE DAILY NEWS SAID TRIP WOULD HELP ENSURE PEACE AND SECURITY IN FREE WORLD. YOUTH WARRIOR DAILY NEWS PREDICTED MIDEAST PEACE MAY TRIGGER EXPLOSIVE NEW MOSCOW-PEKING DEVELOPMENTS.

END SUMMARY.

2. LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS (320,000) PREDICTED JUNE 11 PRESIDENT NIXON'S UNPRECEDENTED MIDEAST TRIP WILL HAVE INTENSIVE IMPACT ON EFFORTS SOLVE LONGSTANDING MIDEAST DISPUTES AND IMPROVE U.S.-MIDEAST RELATIONS, AS WELL AS RELATIONS BETWEEN MIDDLE EAST AND OTHER PARTS
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OF THE WORLD. PAPER DEFENDED PRESIDENT'S DECISION

VISIT ONLY FIVE MIDEAST NATIONS POINTING OUT THOSE
FIVE DIRECTLY INVOLVED CRUCIAL ISRAELI-ARAB CONFLICTS.
ONLY WHEN SUCCESSFUL ISRAEL-ARAB UNDERSTANDING REACHED
CAN THERE BE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE; THEN HARMONIOUS
U.S.-USSR COORDINATION ON MIDEAST ISSUES WILL BE
POSSIBLE. PAPER SAW TRIP UNDOUBTEDLY HAVING LONG-
AND SHORT-TERM GOALS AND EXTENSIVE MEANING FOR BOTH
U.S. DOMESTIC AND DIPLOMATIC POLICY.

3. PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S NEW LIFE DAILY NEWS SAW
TRIP COINCIDING
WITH HIGH POINT IN MIDEAST AMNITY
TOWARDS U.S.; IT OFFERS PROSPECTS FOR GREATER RAPPORT
BETWEEN U.S. AND NEWLY-EARNED MIDEAST FRIENDS AND WILL
HELP ENSURE PEACE AND SECURITY IN FREE WORLD.

4. MINISTRY NATIONAL DEFENSE'S YOUTH WARRIOR DAILY NEWS
PREDICTED RUSSIANS
WILL NOT TORPEDO GENEVA PEACE
CONFERENCE IF U.S. KEEPS HANDS OFF SOVIET CONTAINMENT
POLICY AGAINST PRC. THIS WILL DECIDE FATE OF MIDEAST
PEACE, AND MEANS MIDEAST PEACE MAY TRIGGER EXPLOSIVE
NEW MOSCOW-PEKING DEVELOPMENTS.
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